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WITH REGARD TO THE LEBANESE ALLEGATION THAT THE U.S. HAS
INDICATED THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT A LEBANESE REQUEST THAT
THE SYRIANS BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CHRISTIAN AREAS ONLY,
VARIOUS LEBANESE HAVE ASKED WASHINGTON OFFICIALS FROM
TIME TO TIME WHETHER IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE
NEWLY FORMED LEBANESE ARMY UNITS TO BEGIN TAKING OVER CHECK-
POINTS AND OTHER SECURITY CONTROLS NOW MAINTAINED BY THE
ADF. WE HAVE RESPONDED CAREFULLY TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS
WOULD BE A DECISION FOR THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT BUT THAT
WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, PROVIDED
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REPEAT PROVIDED IT TOOK PLACE IN BOTH MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN-
DOMINATED AREAS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ADDED THAT IT WOULD
BE MISINTERPRETED IF LEBANESE ARMY UNITS TOOK OVER CONTROLS
ONLY IN CHRISTIAN AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE.

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